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Coverage Schedule

1. Receipt is acknowledged of coverage schedule effective 23 August 1948. Innovations effected in format of the schedule are an improvement, and notations as to BBC coverage are particularly useful.
2. An additional column specifying beam would be desirable, and is necessary in cases of possible ambiguity, as Tirana 1530 Albanian.
3. While monitoring Athens English 1130 is desirable for purposes of continuity, it will generally be unnecessary to file resulting text to Washington, since coverage is maintained both on East Coast and at Caversham. This program and those of the Free Greece radio form the only current exceptions to the principle that Mediterranean Bureau should monitor and be responsible for filing from all transmitters within its optimum coverage range, regardless of attempted coverage at Caversham.
4. Coverage of Rome in Near Eastern languages is of increased value in view of discontinued ANSA coverage at Caversham.
5. Chief, London Bureau, has made a study of BBC and Cairo coverage of Moscow broadcasts in Mediterranean Bureau languages. Upon receipt of this study, instructions will be issued as to the desirability of continuing Mediterranean Bureau coverage of Moscow, except in Albanian.

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